Sierra/Encore Duet Implementation

Thank you for your hard work to launch the Sierra/Encore Duet Implementation Project. Work is progressing nicely.

Leadership Update

The Implementation Team convened on June 20. The team is the main decision-making body for project deliverables and policy and workflow decisions for the Working Groups. Additionally, the team will report updates to the Executive Committee and the Member Council on Library Service. This team will also report significant impacts to timelines and major deliverables to the Steering Committee.

The team is comprised of Working Group Chairs, FALSC liaisons, Pat Profeta who represents the Florida College System, Anna Prestamo who represents the State University System, and Ellen Bishop and Dave Whisenant who are project co-leads.

The first meeting of the Steering Committee is July 15.

Technical Update

FALSC has completed the initial data exports to both Innovative Interfaces Incorporated (Innovative) and Backstage Library Works (BSLW), the vendor who will be merging the bibliographic records for all 40 colleges and universities.

BSLW has the profile and complete file of bib and item records for the initial merge. Data extraction, delivery, and review are expected to be an iterative process that occurs throughout implementation.

FALSC staff have also been working on profiling documents for the RDA and Authority records. All other records such as holdings, patron data, cash transactions, orders, budgets, vendors, and course reserves have been sent to Innovative for initial profiling and analysis.

Discussions with Innovative on data migration mapping, authentication, integration, and patron loads are underway. Course reserves and the handling of the PDA/EDA records currently in PDA01 are also being reviewed. The appropriate Working Groups are included in all of these discussions.

The Sierra and Encore production server is being developed. III also conducted a session on Sierra DNA (Database Navigator) and SQL querying.

FALSC staff met with EBSCO to begin setup of the Discovery Interface. Our goal is to get the EBSCO Mega Index and Full Text Finder link resolver configured for each institution. Technical support staff are dedicated to this project. An email was sent to each ILS coordinator on July 6 to let them know that EBSCO will be contacting them to start working on these configurations.

Communication

FALSC staff member, Brenda Rutten, participated in an Innovative Interfaces presentation at the American Library Association Conference in June.

A webpage dedicated to ILS implementation for IT Contacts is being developed on the FALSC website. The webpage will allow IT contacts at each institution to learn about the integration of local ERP systems with the ILS. We are also creating a discussion list for IT Contacts.

Training

All of the Working Groups had an overview of Sierra/Encore Duet by Innovative. Online training for all Working Groups is being offered in July. In mid-July, each Working Group will receive training with a focus on their particular area of expertise.

News from the Working Groups

Below is a brief update from each of the Working Groups. For more information, please visit the working group wiki. If you need login information, please contact the FLVC Help Desk at (877) 506-2210 or help@flvc.org.
Acquisitions & Serials
Chair: Ernestine Holmes, FAMU
- The team is scrubbing data for accuracy and relevancy. Vendor codes that have never been used will be eliminated. Old orders will be closed. Similar material types will be consolidated.
- The team is identifying the most popular Arrow and Aleph reports, which will be replicated in Sierra.

Cataloging & Authorities
Chair: Annie Glerum, FSU
- The team is compiling a list of questions and concerns that will be addressed during implementation.

Circulation & Resource Sharing
Chair: LeEtta Schmidt, USF
- The team is developing specs for integration of Iliad and Sierra.
- The team is reviewing the status categories to determine which ones can be eliminated or consolidated.

Discovery Configuration
Chair: Allison Jai-O’Dell, UF
- The team has identified the EBSCO profiles for the online resource EDS Mega-Index.
- The team is identifying the non-Sierra metadata that needs to be harvested and developing a plan to accomplish that task.

Discovery Interface
Chair: Alexis Carlson, IRS
- The team has clearly defined the products included with the Encore Duet discovery interface.
- The team is developing a plan for the statewide interface and the default interface for institutions which can be customized by each college and university.

E-Resource Management
Chair: Tina Buck, UCF
- The team has defined the goals and needs of an ERM system, including the differences in current e-resource management activity between the systems and among the schools.
- The team has reviewed the Innovative training materials.

Joint Use
Chair: Janice Henderson, NFSC
- The team is developing an inventory of our joint use facilities, which will be available for the Joint Use Discussion Group.

Systems
Chair: Parker Fruehan, FGCU
- The team is reviewing documents, organizing into knowledge areas and developing a strategy for ERP systems integration and the goals for Sierra.

Training
Chair: Sara Alegria, Miami Dade College
- The team is creating a Training Needs Assessment Survey to gather information on number of staff to be trained, possible locations, and staff concerns. The team has also created a list of potential webinar topics.